

Zion's First National Bank Clock  
Southwest Corner of  
First South and Main Street  
Salt Lake City  
Salt Lake County  
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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: Southwest corner of First South and Main Street  
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Geographic Location Code: 43-1700-035  
Latitude: 40 46' 1" N Longitude: 111 53' 26" W

Present Owner: Zion's First National Bank

Statement of Significance: This elegant "Street furniture" in the downtown area of Salt Lake City is approximately 100 years old.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION:

## A. Physical History:

1. Original and Subsequent Owners: Zion's First National Bank
2. Date of Erection : c. 1870

## B. Historical Events and Persons Associated with the Building:

No record exists of when it was first put up, but tradition has it that the clock was brought to Salt Lake City in a wagon pulled by oxen. The original owner is unknown. It was probably erected on its present site sometime in the 1870's, since photographs of this corner taken in 1868 do not show it, and one taken in 1880 shows the clock erected and running, already a city landmark. The original works were driven by a water wheel. Later the water wheel was replaced with a spring drive. Mr. Boud remembers winding the springs (four large ones) every five days. Still later, the spring drive was abandoned for a series of wet cell batteries. Every six months Mr. Charles Spahr of Western Union would change the solution in the cells. The batteries were kept in the basement of the bank near the vault. Just prior to 1912 a master clock system was installed in the bank and the old clock was connected to it. Probably it was at this time that the works were replaced with International Business Machine gears. For many years IBM serviced the clock. Lee Robbins of the IBM typewriter division did the servicing. Later Mr. Lowell Aylworth of Simplex Time Recorder Company took over this job.

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